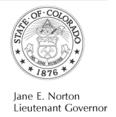
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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## NATIONAL SPACE COMMANDER JOINS LT. GOVERNOR NORTON IN HOSTING "THE SKY'S THE LIMIT" ROUNDTABLE

Tribal Leaders to participate in roundtable as part of Colorado's Annual American Indian Heritage Month Celebration

(Denver) – As the statutorily named Chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Lt. Governor Jane Norton has invited Commander John Herrington, the country's first Native American Astronaut, to join Southern Ute Tribal Leaders and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Leaders in an informal roundtable discussion. Herrington will be featured as the keynote speaker during the state's annual *American Indian Heritage Month Celebration* being held this week, and welcomes the opportunity to meet with the Lt. Governor, chair of the Commission of Indian Affairs, and tribal leaders to discuss education, mentoring, and the expansion of collaborative partnerships that will benefit Colorado's Native American population. In keeping with the educational theme of the *2005 American Indian Heritage Month Celebration*, where tribal students in middle school and high school who have excelled in areas of Academics, Dual Language, Volunteerism, Culture, and School Attendance will be recognized, the roundtable will allow tribal leaders to discuss opportunities for young Native American's.

What: "The Sky's The Limit" Roundtable Discussion

When: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2005

Where: Governor's Residence at Boettcher Mansion

400 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO

Who: Lt. Governor Jane Norton, Commander John Herrington, Ute Mountain Ute

Tribal officials and Southern Ute Tribal officials.

Why: To participate in an informal roundtable discussion focusing on tribal issues, the

importance of mentoring, education and collaborative partnerships.